

# September 2023



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## Ramblings from the Rectory

As some of you may know, I love the natural world, in its many and various forms. I also do what I can to help the natural world around me recover its innate wildness. So I am excited that this and every September the Church celebrates Creation Season. A time dedicated to exploring the belief in God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. I believe that God is Creator and Sustainer, so the care of this natural world, is for me worship (I also accept the science of evolution and find no conflict with my belief in a Creator God – but that’s for another time).

I see the plants, the birds and the animals around me and know that we are all distantly related and deserve to be valued, perhaps cherished. I will be preaching about it in church and speaking elsewhere about the importance of protecting our climate and helping our wildlife to recover. In this I am so thankful to the many people, near and far, who feel the same as me. For some, like me, this is an expression of faith. However, people seem to come to this realisation for many, many different reasons. Whatever the motivation, they are our allies in this struggle for the health of our planet.

Together there is so much that we can do to support local nature recovery, reduce waste and our impact on climate change. It is so easy to feel small and helpless, but lots of individual actions count. Together we also have a political voice, so that politicians know that they avoid these concerns at their peril!

Gregory of Nazianzus, saint, writing in the fourth century wrote,

“All creatures praise you,  
both those who speak and those that are dumb.  
All creatures bow down before you,  
both those that can think and those that cannot.  
The longing of the universe,  
the groaning of creation reaches out to you.  
Everything that exists prays to you,  
and every creature that can read your universe  
directs to you a hymn of silence.”

From St. Francis,

“Praised be you, my Lord, by our sister, mother earth, who sustains and governs us and produces various fruits and coloured flowers and grasses.”

We are working together with all people of goodwill but I am still haunted by the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 8.19 & 21, “For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed... That the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.” It is for us people of Christ, and children of God, who need to show who we are by our actions.

Happy September, Happy Creation Season.

God bless,  
Nigel.

**Fund Raiser**  
**St. Leonard's Church**  
**Billingford**  
**21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm**

Join us to hear a variety of songs performed by Adam Harrod

Tickets **£10** include refreshments.

**Contact Sue 07917 798056 [saredgrave@hotmail.com](mailto:saredgrave@hotmail.com)**



## Coffee and Cake Morning

### St John's, Harleston

Plants , Books, Puzzles & other crafts  
Saturday 2nd Sept  
9.30am till 12noon

## Brockdish Quiz Night

Saturday 16th September is cancelled.

### St John's, Harleston

#### Forget-Me-Not Cafe and Church

Supported by a generous donation

Thursday 14th Sept  
10.30am - 12.30pm

#### Every Tuesday

Informal singing group  
10.45am -11.45am  
Foodbank - 1.30pm to 3pm

#### Midweek Mingle

Every Wednesday  
9.15am to 11.30am  
All welcome

### Needham Coronation Village Hall

Annual BBQ

Sunday 10th Sept

From 12noon for 1pm BBQ  
BBQ burgers and hot dogs (£1  
each)

Salads and desserts

Music and cash bar

All Welcome

Help would be welcome with  
preparations, preparing salads  
and desserts, serving or clearing  
up.....

Contact Fiona on  
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## St Andrew's - Scole

### Coffee Morning

Saturday 2nd Sept  
10.00am - 12noon

come and enjoy homemade sausage rolls, cheese scones  
and home-baked cake along with coffee, tea, and friendly  
chat.

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9.00 am - 5.00 pm

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## Donations to our churches

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St John's, Harleston. St Leonard's, Billingford. All Saints, Thorpe  
Abbotts



	<b>7 churches Benefice Services</b>	
<b>Compline</b> Thursday 28th September, 6.30pm St Leonard's, Billingford		
<b>Celebration Service</b> Sunday 24th September 4.30pm St Andrew's, Scole,		

### **THE REGISTERS - 26TH JULY 2023 TO 25TH AUGUST 2023**

#### **Funerals and Interments**

7th August Celia Trevail - St Andrew's, Scole

#### **Baptism and weddings**

12th August Arnie Abbott - St John's, Harleston

19th August George Hunt and Eleanor Bower - St Leonard's,  
Billingford

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Fran Pitt-Pladdy, Mel Veness, Kathy Wood, Marjorie Heap,  
Peter Edwards .

If you have a loved one who is very ill and would like them to be on our prayer list then please get in touch with one of our ministers.  
*(details on the back).*

# SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES AND READINGS

<b>Sunday 3rd 13th after Trinity (Green) Creation Season</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Leonard's, Billingford
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Informal Worship	St Andrew's, Scole
4.00pm	Evening Prayer	St John's, Harleston	
<i>Romans 12.9-21/Matthew 16.21-28</i>			
<b>Sunday 10th 14th after Trinity (Green) Creation Season</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Thorpe Abbots
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Romans 13.8-14/Matthew 18.15-20</i>			
<b>Sunday 17th 15th after Trinity (Green) Creation Season</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's, Needham
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.00pm	Harvest festival	St Leonard's, Billingford
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
<i>Romans 14.1-12/Matthew 18.21-35</i>			
<b>SUNDAY 24TH 16th after Trinity (Green) Creation Season</b>	9.30am	Harvest Festival	St Peter & St Paul, Brockdish
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's, Redenhall
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Harleston
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew's, Scole
	4.30pm	Celebration Service	St Andrew's, Scole
<i>Philippians 1.21-30/Matthew 20.1-16</i>			

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